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*Note: This story is collected with others in the eBook, FOUR LIVE ROUNDS, which also contains a Foreword by J.A. Konrath and introductions to each story by Blake Crouch.

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Novia says

Excellent!

Great quick read (or listen). One of those stories that makes you want to talk about it and also causes you to pause and think about the repercussions of all your decisions. Including the ones you think no one will ever know about.

Krissy says

I listened to this with my husband. We needed a nice short story to listen to on our short drive. This was perfect. I thought the ending was great. I was kind of worried at first thinking the ending was going in a different direction. I'm so glad it didn't end the way I thought it was going to.

His Rating: 3 stars

My Rating: 4 stars

Deborah says

So interesting

Short story but everything needed to be said was written in this story. I like books like this and I always love Blake Crouch's books.

Sandra Gonzales says

Scarey campfire story

Blake Crouch is an incredible story teller, author of thrillers, and king of terror. This one kept me on the edge and holding my breath.

Evans Light says

Excellent short that was recommended to me by a friend and was just what the doctor ordered for a quick bedtime read.

My only disappointment is that I didn't go ahead and buy the whole collection that contains it instead of the individual short. (Edit: I just returned it to Amazon and bought his complete short story collection, FULLY LOADED, which also contains this short along with quite a few others for only \$3.99)

Recommended!

Amy Wofford says

Wow....wow....wow

The short story Shining Rock from Blake Crouch was nothing short of amazing! The story just ends and leaves you sitting there like WOW. That was all I could say when I read the last page. A must read it will only take a short period of time. Great when waiting on an appointment like sitting in the reception area at a DR office.....

Graham Stewart says

Only bad thing about this was I wanted it to be longer. Hoped the end of the book was only the end of the chapter.

Daniel Hackman says

Solid

This is proof that nothing good comes from camping.

Honestly it's a sad, short story. It's few pages are heartbreaking for all three characters.

Matt says

During their annual camping trip, Roger and Sue are finally living the empty nest life. As they set up camp and enjoy the solitude, a mysterious man appears and tries to befriend them. Donald seems affable enough and joins them for an evening of cards and storytelling. When the conversation turns to family, Donald admits he lost his daughter to a hit and run car accident six years earlier. The further the story progresses, the more Roger remembers that fateful day and how he sat behind the wheel. What follows is a panic as Roger waits for Donald to leave and admits his secret to Sue. To what lengths will Roger go to ensure his crime is kept under wraps?

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Kasia says

Shining Rock will kick you in the heart and make you rethink everything you've read from page one. A heck of a story that's not only poignant and beautifully written but also complex in a very nice way. Crouch has

done it again, the man is a true story teller with a purpose. This was gripping and intense with chilling buildup and not at all what I expected, nicely done.

- Kasia S.

Jacob Maurer says

Lovely short', great twist too.

Mary says

It seemed like a happy couple with a life that was perfect. Then a camping trip they had taken every year turned out not so perfect. In the traditional Blake Crouch style, things are not always what they seem to be. He builds the story and characters into very meaningful images. Look for a twist at the end that will leave you in a jaw dropping moment.

Jim says

Well written and emblematic of his signature style and clever endings.

Cristy Bramhall says

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Lori Fenty says

A story that makes you think about hiking in the woods alone.
